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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET NAM

1. FOREIGN OFFICE SEA DIRECTOR, BERENDONCK, HAS INFORMED US THAT NO PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE LAST NEGOTIATING SESSION BETWEEN FRG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE REPS WHICH ENDED MARCH 5 IN PARIS. THE FRG HAD OBSERVED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT IN NORTH VIET NAM'S RELATIONS WITH A VARIETY OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: AMBASSADORS RECEIVED WHERE THEY HAD FORMERLY BEEN GIVEN THE COLD SHOULDER AND NOT PERMITTED TO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS, AND AN AGREEMENT ISSUED FOR THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AFTER A LONG WAIT, ETC. ON THIS BASIS, THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD HOPED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MIGHT NOW BE PREPARED TO TAKE MORE REASONABLE POSITIONS IN THEIR OWN NEGOTIATIONS. THIS HOPE PROVED FRUITLESS. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THEY ARE ONLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS BERLIN WHEN THE

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FRG HAS INDICATED ITS READINESS TO ADOPT A MORE FAVORABLE

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRG. THIS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT WILLING TO DO. AS A RESULT OF THE IMPASSE, IT WAS AGREED NOT TO SET A DATE FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT TO ENTER INTO A "PAUSE FOR REFLECTION".

2. BERENDONCK SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE TO REGARD THIS INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED.
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